

Written Testimony regarding: Governor's H.B. No. 7027 'AN ACT  
CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING  
JUNE THIRTIETH 2019, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS  
THEREFOR.'

Dear Members of the Appropriations Committee;

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony.

I would like to comment on the proposed increase in the fees for a pistol permit here in Connecticut. This proposal is nothing short of outrageous. A nominal increase in the fee to handle processing is one thing, but an increase of over 400% is really out of bounds.

This increase will have the consequence of preventing low-income individuals from keeping their permits, or causing them additional hardship in order to keep them. This is economic discrimination to say the least. And I doubt this will stand up to constitutional (both US and State) scrutiny, as this proposal on the surface appears to be a poll tax, plain and simple. And finally, I wonder how much the State will have to spend to defend against the inevitable lawsuits that will result from this proposal. I would guess that it would be a respectable amount of the \$9M it plans on taking in from the increased fees.

I would urge you to OPPOSE Section 48 (T1854) and Section 58 (T1938) of H.B. 7027 that support the Governors proposed increases.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments,

Regards

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